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INFRASTRUCTURE IN NORTH EAST
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has implemented the proposal for construction of roads near north-eastern border of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the completion of said roads has been delayed; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, and the efforts made by the Government for its early completion along with its current status?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Government has identified 30 roads of total length 1837.95 Km near North-Eastern border for construction.

(c) & (d): 10 roads of length 390.87 Km have been completed. Out of the balance roads which were to be completed by 2012, 10 roads have been rescheduled for completion in 2013 and another 10 in 2016. The following steps have been taken to expedite pace of works:

Fast tracking of forest & wild life clearance of projects.

Equipment bank was sanctioned for Rs.100 Crore in 2010-11 for creating exclusive reserve of equipment for strategic roads.

Assured fund in the budgets at the beginning of the year.

Enhanced allotment of funds for procurement of vehicle / equipment / Plants.

Enhanced air efforts availability.

More units (Project & Task Forces) have been inducted to focus on strategic road construction.